

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Milton Sternberger Company - Removal Polrep
Initial Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region IV

Subject: **POLREP #1**
Initial Polrep, Initiation of an Emergency Response
Milton Sternberger Company
B4T8
Memphis, TN
Latitude: 35.1718330 Longitude: -90.0069230

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Date: 8/1/2012

Reporting Period: July 30, 2012

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	B4T8	Contract Number:	
D.O. Number:		Action Memo Date:	
Response Authority:	CERCLA	Response Type:	Emergency
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	Non NPL	Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:	7/30/2012	Start Date:	7/30/2012
Demob Date:		Completion Date:	
CERCLIS ID:	TND987788239	RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:	1019447	State Notification:	07/30/2012
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

This is an emergency response to an incident involving a former food packaging company. A release of suspected hazardous substances was discovered by the Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation (TDEC). TDEC requested EPA assistance.

1.1.2 Site Description

The Site consists of a large tract of commercial property which was the former location of the Milton Sternberger Company. The company produced food packaging, and was identified in TDEC records as a small quantity generator of hazardous waste (TND987788239). The company produced flammable liquid and solvent waste related to the cleaning of their print rollers. The company closed in 2004, and the property is currently vacant.

1.1.2.1 Location

The Site is located at 1230 North Watkins Street, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee 38108.

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

Numerous 55 gallon drums and smaller containers were observed in the former waste storage area and scattered around the vacant site. Readings near the spill area indicated the presence of high levels of organic vapors, which may pose a threat of fire or explosion. Signs of trespass and vandalism were observed around the Site. A trespasser could be harmed through direct contact with the released hazardous substances, or cause additional releases by further damaging the containers.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

On July 30, 2012, OSC Spurlin met at the Site with a representative of Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation (TDEC). OSC Spurlin observed multiple drums and containers in the former hazardous waste storage building and scattered around the property. A black liquid was pooled in the floor and a strong organic vapor odor was present. The facility is unsecured and signs of trespass and vandalism were present. OSC initiated an emergency response to collect, stage, and secure the spilled waste liquid and suspected waste containers. The action resulted in the generation of 15, 55 gallon drums and 20 smaller containers containing suspected hazardous substances. EPA will work to identify the responsible parties and move forward with determining the nature of the waste for future disposal. EPA and EPA's contractor demobilized from the Site the evening of July 30, 2012.

2.1.3 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)

An EPA Civil Investigator has been assigned to the Site to assist with identifying information related to current and past ownership.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

<i>Waste Stream</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Manifest #</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Disposal</i>

2.2 Planning Section

No information available at this time.

2.3 Logistics Section

No information available at this time.

2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

2.5 Other Command Staff

No information available at this time.

3. Participating Entities

No information available at this time.

4. Personnel On Site

No information available at this time.

5. Definition of Terms

No information available at this time.

6. Additional sources of information

No information available at this time.

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.

